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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)- The attorney for a woman sought by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison in his investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy said Saturday she is ready to testify if Garrison wants to come to Iowa.

Mrs. Lillie Mae McMaines, who has been virtually in hiding in Des Moines since last April, said she will tear "to shreds" the story of Garrison's key witness, Perry Russo.

Mrs. McMaines, known as Sandra Moffett before her marriage, was a former girl friend of Russo.

Her Des Moines attorney, Lex Hawkins, said he notified Garrison and attorneys for New Orleans businessman Clay Shaw that Mrs. McMaines will be available here Aug. 24 to testify and be cross-examined.

Shaw, through testimony of Russo, was indicted in New Orleans on a charge of conspiracy to kill late President John F. Kennedy.

Russo has claimed that his ex-girl friend was present at a party in September, 1963 where Shaw and others talked of slaying Kennedy, who was assassinated two months later in Dallas.

Through the U.S. District Court in Omaha, Mrs. McMaines's lawyer has resisted efforts of Garrison to have her returned to New Orleans to testify before the grand jury.

Hawkins said he has kept his client in seclusion here. He added:

"Based upon the history of other persons and witnesses associated with the alleged Kennedy assassination plot who have mysteriously disappeared or died under questionable circumstances, her personal appearance and public exposure would endanger her life."

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